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This guide is intended to help library patrons of the Atkins Library (at the University of North Carolina Charlotte) find sources of criticism on African-American literature. The guide explains important reference sources in the reference collection of the library and how to find biographical and critical information in books and periodicals. The guide presents brief descriptions and the call numbers for 71 items in the collection. The guide is divided into the following sections: general references works, books, individual bibliographies, bibliographies on more than one author, short stories, poetry, drama, book reviews, children's literature, and periodical indexes. (RS)

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AFRICAN-AMERICAN LITERATURE: FINDING BIOGRAPHICAL AND CRITICAL SOURCES

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This guide is intended to help you find sources of criticism on African-American literature (long fiction, short fiction, poetry, drama). It explains important reference sources in the Atkins library reference collection and how to find biographical and critical information in books and periodicals.

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REFERENCE BOOKS: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

If you are looking for information about an author and are not sure where to begin, or if you need some basic information about a type or genre of literature, the following are good sources.

- | | |
|------|---|
| Ref | <u>Oxford Companion to American Literature</u> |
| PS | |
| 21 | Short "overview" type biographical sketches. A |
| H3 | particularly useful feature of this book is the |
| 1983 | "Chronological Index," pp. 861-896, which "is a |
| | year-by-year outline in parallel sequence of |
| | ...social and literary history..." |
| | |
| Ref | <u>Harlem Renaissance and Beyond: Literary</u> |
| PS | <u>Biographies of 100 Black Women Writers</u> |
| 153 | <u>1900-1945</u> |
| N5 | |
| R65 | Biographical entries--some are several |
| 1990 | pages long--with lists of primary and |
| | secondary sources. |
| | |
| Ref | <u>Living Black American Authors:</u> |
| PS | <u>A Biographical Directory</u> |
| 153 | |
| N5 | Brief biographies, title index and index |
| S5 | to publishers. Published in 1973. |
| | |
| Ref | <u>Black Plots & Black Characters: A Handbook</u> |
| PS | <u>for Afro-American Literature</u> |
| 153 | |
| N5 | Includes: Part 1, concise summaries of |
| S65 | novels, plays, long poems; Part 2, bio- |
| | graphical sketches of authors with |
| | bibliographies of their works; Part 3, a |
| | general bibliography for Afro-American |
| | history and literature; Part 4, a |
| | chronological index. Author index to |
| | Part 1 on pp. 455-456. Published in 1979. |
| | |
| Ref | <u>Selected Black American, African, and</u> |
| PS | <u>Caribbean Authors: A Bio-bibliography</u> |
| 153 | |
| N5 | Contains biographical information on 632 |
| P3 | literary and non-literary writers. Lists of |
| 1985 | works by authors are limited to published books. |
| | This recent (1985) work is well formatted, |
| | comprehensive and easy to use. Occupational and |
| | title indexes. |

Ref	<u>Selected Black American Authors:</u>
PS	<u>An Illustrated Bio-Bibliography</u>
153	
N5	Includes writers from a variety of
P3	disciplines -- historians, social scien-
	tists, theologians, as well as authors of
	fiction, poetry, etc. Covers colonial times
	to 1977. Biographical entries with lists
	of works and portraits.

REFERENCE BOOKS: BIOGRAPHICAL AND CRITICAL INFORMATION

Gale Literary Criticism Series

This group of reference works provides a comprehensive source for biographical and critical information on authors. Those that may be most useful for your research include:

Ref	<u>Black Literature Criticism (BLC)</u>
PS	
153	"Excerpts from Criticism of the Most Significant
N5	Works of Black Authors over the Past 200 Years"
B556	Similar in format to the other Gale Literary
1992	Criticism Series described below--excerpts of
3 vols.	criticism. However, this set does contain
	some biographical material. There is some
	duplication of material from <u>CLC</u> , <u>TLC</u> , <u>NCLC</u> and
	some new material. The set is complete in three
	volumes.

Ref	<u>Contemporary Literary Criticism (CLC)</u>
PN	
771	<u>CLC</u> "presents significant passages from published
C59	criticism of works by today's creative authors."
	Citations are given for each excerpt (you can then go
	to P.A.S.L. or ALADDIN to find the journal with the
	full text of the criticism). Entries are several
	pages long. Use the "Cumulative Index to Authors" at
	the end of the last volume in the series for the
	fullest coverage of an author.

- Ref Dictionary of Literary Biography (DLB)
 PN
 451 Biographical--a good overview of an author's life
 D52 and work. Articles are fairly long. Selected
 1978 volumes of the Dictionary of Literary Biography
 deal with authors of specific literary movements
 and genres. Use the index in the back of the
 latest volume or the "Index to Authors" in the last
 volume of CLC. Several volumes are devoted to
 Afro-American authors.
- Ref Dictionary of Literary Biography
 PS Documentary Series (DLB-DS)
 129
 D48 "Depicting the Lives and Work of Authors--
 1982 Including Photographs, Manuscript Facsimiles,
 Letters, Notebooks, Interviews, and Contemporary
 Assessments"--from frontispiece. Each volume is
 devoted to only a few major authors. Many
 illustrations.
- Ref Dictionary of Literary Biography--Yearbook (DLB-Y)
 PS
 221 Summarizes "current literary activity." Gives an
 D5 update of the author's work, discusses new books
 and other writings and includes a bibliography
 (with full citations) of the author's publications,
 interviews, etc. for the period encompassed by the
 yearbook.
- Ref Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism (NCLC)
 PN
 761 "Excerpts from Criticism of the Works of
 N5 Novelists, Poets, Playwrights, Short Story
 Writers, Who Died between 1800 and 1900, from the
 First Published Critical Appraisals to Current
 Evaluations."

 Covers a variety of genres and nationalities. An
 entry on an author consists of the following: author
 heading, biographical and critical introduction,
 principal works, excerpts of criticism (with
 citations) and additional bibliography. Entries
 are extensive.
- Ref Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism (TCLC)
 PN
 771 TCLC is arranged like CLC but covers authors who
 T83 died between 1900-1960, while the latter covers
 authors who are, for the most part, still living.
 Excerpts of criticism with full citations. Entries
 are long. In the case of multiple inclusions of an
 author, criticism is taken from different sources.

ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHICAL AND CRITICAL SOURCES

- Ref African American Writers
PS
153 "an introduction to the work of African American
N5 writers who have made a significant contribution
A344 to African American and United States letters,
1991 culture, and history..."
- Articles include brief biographies, "a survey of the subject's principal writings and an assessment of the work as a whole." Also included are selected bibliographies of the subject's writings in chronological order, and lists of references for further research.
- Ref American Women Writers: A Critical Reference Guide
PS From Colonial Times to the Present
147
A4 "[C]overs contributions to American writing by women from colonial times to the present." Entries are critical and biographical with bibliographies of the author's works. References are given for further study. Length of articles vary according to the author's significance. Four volumes, published in 1979. Use for major Afro-American women authors.
- Ref American Writers
PS
129 Long, in-depth articles containing biographical
A552 and critical information. Each article contains a bibliography of sources of criticism. A very useful source, but only for major (well known) authors. Four volumes plus several supplements (PS129 A552).
- Ref Black American Writers Past and Present:
Z A Biographical and Bibliographical Dictionary
1229
N39 A source for biographical information, a listing
R87 of all the books published by a given author,
2 vols. partial information about the works published in anthologies and periodicals.
- Ref Southern Black Creative Writers
Z 1829-1953: Bibliographies
1229
N39 Includes biographical material, works, references.
F67 For in-depth research. Many of the authors
1988 included are not well known.

Ref Magill: Critical Survey of Long Fiction
 PR
 821 This is a multivolume set. It consists of long
 C7 biographical and analytical entries with
 1983 background information on the works and their
 sources. Use for well known, major Afro-American
 authors.

BOOKS: BOOKS ON INDIVIDUAL AUTHORS

Although proper names for people and places, etc. are not included in Library of Congress Subject Headings, they can be used as subjects in ALADDIN or the card catalog. Therefore, to find biographies, books of criticism or bibliographies concerning the works of a specific author, simply type s/ (for a subject search of that author), and then enter the author's last name, first initial. At this point, scan the list of entries until you find the appropriate subheading (for example --bibliography, --criticism and interpretation, --biography)

Example:

s/hurston zora
 J. Murrey Atkins Library---VTLS/ALADDIN-----SUBJECTS
 YOU SEARCHED: s/hurston zora

- 1> 4 Hurston, Zora Neale.
2. 1 Hurston, Zora Neale -- Bibliography.
3. 1 Hurston, Zora Neale -- Biography -- Juvenile literature.
4. 1 Hurston, Zora Neale -- Criticism and interpretation.
5. 1 Hurston, Zora Neale, in fiction, drama, poetry, etc.
6. 1 Hurston, Zora Neale. Jonah's gourd vine.
7. 1 Hurston, Zora Neale -- Juvenile literature.

INDIVIDUAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES

If you are doing in depth research on an author, the best place to begin your search is with a bibliography devoted to the work of that author. Bibliographies will frequently be divided up by the titles of poems, stories etc. and will direct you to criticism on a particular work. Disadvantages are that bibliographies may not be up to date; you will need to use additional sources if you need recent or current criticism. Also, they are not available on every author.

Use ALADDIN to find bibliographies concerning the works of a specific author. Type s/ (for a subject search for books about an author), and then enter the author's last name and first initial. Example: s/baldwin,j

At this point, scan the list of the author's name and birth (and death) dates for the subheading --bibliography.

If you need additional help with locating books, please ask a librarian at the 1st floor reference desk.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES ON MORE THAN ONE AUTHOR

(NOTE: Some of these sources will be more useful than others. Some of the resources they give will require the use of Inter-Library Loan. Also, some of these bibliographies are fairly old, you will need to use periodical indexes and other reference sources for more recent information.).

- Ref Afro-American Fiction, 1853-1976:
Z A Guide to Information Sources
1229
N39 Index to novels, short story collections,
M37 criticism (Chapter 3, "Major Authors --
 Secondary Sources"), and bibliographies.
 Author, title, and subject indexes.
- Ref Afro-American Literature and Culture
Z Since World War II: A Guide to Information
1229 Sources
N39
P4 A guide to writings and literature on a
 wide variety of topics. Part 1 is
 arranged by individual author. Part 2
 is an index to author, title, and
 subject. Annotated.
- Ref The Afro-American Novel 1965-1975:
Z A Descriptive Bibliography of Primary
1229 and Secondary Material
N39
H68 Divided into four categories: biography,
 novels by the authors, critical books
 and articles by and about the author, and
 reviews of the novel. Arranged by author.
 Annotated. Published in 1977.
- Ref A Bibliographical Guide to African-American
Z Women Writers
1229
N39 Arranged alphabetically by author with primary
J67 sources listed first and then secondary sources.
1993 In addition to books, this volume also lists
 stories, poems, etc. published in magazines,
 journals and anthologies. The time period covered
 is 1746-1991.

- Ref Black American Fiction: A Bibliography
 Z
 1229 A list of black American authors, their
 N39 fiction and criticism. Categories listed
 F34 under authors include: novels, short
 fiction, book reviews, biography and
 criticism. Arranged alphabetically by
 author.
- Ref Black American Fiction Since 1952:
 Z A Preliminary Checklist
 1361
 N39 A list of titles of fiction works by
 D45 black authors. Deals with the years 1952-
 1969. Some annotations.
- Ref Black American Women in Literature:
 Z A Bibliography, 1976 Through 1987
 1229
 N39 "The book includes [references to] the poetry,
 G57 short fiction, novels, essays and plays by,
 1989 and criticism of, approximately 300 women whose
 work has been published in periodicals and
 anthologies between 1976 and 1987..."
- The book is arranged alphabetically by
 author. References to primary sources are given
 first, then works about the author or her writings.
 Abbreviations are explained in the back of the book.
- Ref Black American Women Novelists
 Z An Annotated Bibliography
 1229
 N39 References to books, journal articles,
 W47 reviews and articles in the mass media. The
 1989 author has "attempted to include all black women
 novelists recognized as major figures in any
 published book in the field of Afro-American studies.
- This is an important source for references to
 biographical and critical information on Tony
 Morrison, Zora Neale Hurston, Gwendolyn Brooks, Alice
 Walker, and for sources of background information on
 Afro-American fiction and Afro-American women.
 Extensively annotated, indexed.
- Ref Black Studies: A Bibliography
 Z
 1361 See pp. 86-92: "Biography, Memoirs, Auto-
 N39 biography." Good source for anthologies of
 I78 writings by black authors. Published in 1973.

- Tower
Z
1229
N39
C57
1985
- Black Writers in New England: A Bibliography
With Biographical Notes
- An index to the collection of Afro-American literature housed at the Mildred F Sawyer Library, Suffolk University, Boston, Massachusetts. Includes: biographical notes, books by the writer and books about the writer. The focus is on authors with New England connections. Note: kept in Tower.
- Tower
Z
1229
N39
B34
- Broadside Authors and Artists:
An Illustrated Biographical Directory
- Biographical information on authors originally published by Broadside Press (dedicated to the publication of poems and other writings by black writers). Includes author's addresses and lists of writings. Some references. Note: kept in tower.
- Ref
Z
1361
N39
W5
- A Century of Fiction by American Negroes --
1853-1952; A Descriptive Bibliography
- In alphabetical order by author. Useful introductory essay. Annotated. Published in 1955.
- Ref
Z
1361
N39
N67
- Checklist of Twentieth Century Black
American Creative Writing in the Libraries
of the University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill
- Bibliography of items available at UNC-CH. Arranged by author. Use for in-depth research. Published in 1972.
- Ref
Z
1229
N39
K34
- Index to Black American Literary Anthologies
- An aid to "locating Black American literature which has been published in collections." The emphasis is on adult literature -- autobiographies, dramas, essays, fiction, poetry. Author index, title index and a list of anthologies. Published in 1979.

- Ref Index to Black American Writers in
 Z Collective Biographies
 1229
 N39 References to biographical information on
 C35 approximately 1,000 black American writers.
 1983 See "Symbols and the Sources They Represent,"
 (pp. 23-46) for full citations. Published in 1983.
- Ref Magill's Bibliography of Literary Criticism
 Z
 6511 This is an excellent source for criticism, but will
 M25 be useful mainly for major authors. Arranged by
 author with titles of individual works arranged under
 author entries. Four volumes; title index in Vol. 4.

SHORT STORIES: SOURCES FOR CRITICISM

- Ref The Afro-American Short Story:
 Z A Comprehensive, Annotated Index with
 1229 Selected Commentaries
 N39
 Y36 Author and title indexes, chronology of
 1986 when stories were published with cross
 references to author and commentaries.
 Three hundred authors and over eight hundred
 fifty stories are listed. Published in 1986.
 Use this as a source for locating primary
 sources in anthologies, collections,
 periodicals.
- Ref Magill: Critical Survey of Short Fiction
 PN
 3321 This is a very useful source for criticism of
 C7 short fiction. Biographical and analytical
 entries. Short bibliographies at the ends of
 articles. An author/title index is located in the
 back of volume 7. Volumes 1 and 2 contain essays
 on the history and craft of short fiction from
 various cultures and time periods.
- Ref Short Story Criticism
 PN
 3373 Similar to Contemporary Literary Criticism. Entries
 S56 consist of excerpts of criticism with full citations.
 (You may then go to P.A.S.L. or ALADDIN to locate the
 complete text of the criticism). Entries are
 several pages long. There is a Story Title Index
 and a Cumulative Index which cross references to
 the entire Gale series.

Ref Twentieth Century Short Story Explication:
 Z Interpretations, 1900-1966 of Short Fiction Since
 5917 1800, 2nd. ed.
 S5
 W33 This is a useful checklist of criticism on short
 stories; organized by author and story title.
 Includes major authors from America and England as
 well as several other non-English-language
 countries. Author index.

Updated by:

Ref Twentieth Century Short Story Explication:
 Z Interpretations, 1900-1975, of Short Fiction Since
 5917 1800.
 S5
 W33 Full citations of the books used are listed
 1977 in the back of the book under the name of the
 critic. Index to authors. Various supplements to
 these volumes are shelved with them.

Indexed in:

Ref Twentieth Century Short Story Explication:
 Z An Index to the Third Edition and its
 5917 five supplements, 1961-1991
 S5
 W332 You may need to ask a librarian for help in using
 1992 this index, but it is quite useful.

POETRY: SOURCES FOR CRITICISM

REFERENCE BOOKS

(useful for background information on poets)

Ref Contemporary Poets
 PR
 603 "The entry for each poet consists of a biography,
 C6 a complete list of separately published books, and a
 1980 signed essay." Articles are two to three pages long.

Ref Magill's Critical Survey of Poetry
 PR
 502 "...a comprehensive overview of poets, their
 C85 works, and the poetic genre in general." This
 1992 is a good source for beginning your research.
 Biographical information and analysis of major
 poems. Arranged alphabetically by poet. The index
 to poets and poem titles is in Volume 8.
 A circulating edition is kept in the tower.

POETRY: SOURCES OF CRITICISM ON INDIVIDUAL POEMS

The titles listed here are arranged alphabetically by poet, and then, by title of the poem.

- Ref American and British Poetry.
Z A Guide to the Criticism. 1925-1973
1231
P7 One of the best places to start your search.
A44 Comprehensive. Includes criticism on poems of
1984 1000 lines or less. Sources include books and
journal articles. Full citations are in "Sources,"
pp. 475-486. Arranged alphabetically by poet.
- Ref An Index to Criticisms of British
PR and American Poetry
89
C5 "A ready-reference source for criticisms of poems by
British and American poets." Covers "from the
earliest period to the twentieth century." Entries
are to citations in collections of criticism and in
scholarly periodicals.
- Part 1 lists poets (arranged alphabetically), poem
titles, and critic citations. Citations for
criticism give the critic's name, page and entry
number in brackets. Look up the critic's name in
Part 2 to find the complete citation. A "List of
Periodical Abbreviations" is on page X. There is an
index to poem titles on pages 271-307.
- The citations are to articles and essays published
between 1960 and 1970. Complicated to use, but you
might find what you need here. Published in 1973.
- Ref Poetry Criticism
PN
1010 Another title from the Gale Literary Criticism
P64 Series. "...substantial critical excerpts and
biographical information on the world's most
frequently discussed and studied poets. . ." An
ongoing series. The cumulative author index in the
back of the newest volume will direct you to the
correct volume of Poetry Criticism for your poet as
well as other titles in the Gale Literary Criticism
Series.

Ref Poetry Explication: A Checklist of Interpretation
 Z Since 1925 of British and American Poems
 2014 Past and Present
 P7
 K8 A source for criticism on major poems of British and
 American authors. References are primarily to
 journal articles. Arranged alphabetically by poet
 and poem title. An important source. Up to date
 through 1978.

Supplemented by:

Ref Guide to American Poetry Explication
 Z Vol. 2: Modern and Contemporary
 1231
 PZ
 L46
 1989 and

Ref Guide to American Poetry Explication
 Z Vol. 1: Colonial and Nineteenth Century
 1231
 P7 These volumes update Poetry Explication. They
 R66 give sources for criticism in journals and books.
 1989 Arranged by poet and then by poem title.
 Abbreviations to journal titles are in the front.
 Full citations to books are in "Main Sources
 Consulted" at the back of the volumes.

POETRY: SOURCES FOR IN-DEPTH RESEARCH

(Use for less well known authors)

The following titles are useful for more extensive or in-depth
 research. Some of the references in these bibliographies may
 require the use of Interlibrary Loan (ask at the reference desk).

Ref Afro-American Poetry and Drama, 1760-
 Z 1975: A Guide to Information Sources
 1229
 N39
 A37 This is volume 17 of the "Gale Literatures
 in English" series. It is comprehensive --
 "the authors have tried to include all books and
 pamphlets of poetry by black authors born in the
 United States" and all plays of published
 black playwrights. Part 1 includes references
 to critical and historical studies relating to
 Afro-American poetry. Part 2 is arranged
 alphabetically by poet. Primary works are
 listed first, followed by secondary works.
 Part 2, the drama section, is arranged as
 follows: 1) a brief list of major library

sources, 2) a list of Afro-American drama periodicals, 3) a list of general bibliographies, 4) collections of plays, 5) critical studies. Next is an alphabetical listing of playwrights with references to "published plays, unpublished plays, collected plays, biography and criticism." Author, title and subject indexes. Published in 1979.

Ref	<u>The Bibliography of Contemporary American</u>
Z	<u>Poetry, 1945-1985: An Annotated Checklist</u>
1231	
P7	This bibliography is a source of biblio-
M37	graphical studies on contemporary American
1986	poets. Entries are arranged alphabetically by
	poet. The individual "writings" concentrates
	on poets whose reputations have been
	established since 1945.

Ref	<u>Index to Poetry by Black American Women</u>
Z	
1229	If you need to locate a poem by a Black
N39	American Woman, this book will lead you to
C45	it. "In all, over four thousand poems by
1986	over four hundred female poets are
	included. . .The volume is organized in three
	major sections: the Title and First Line
	Index, the Author Index, and the Subject
	Index." Abbreviations are explained in the
	"Key to Abbreviations for Books Indexed."

Ref	<u>North American Negro Poets:</u>
Z	<u>A Bibliographical Checklist of Their</u>
1361	<u>Writings, 1760-1944</u>
N39	
P6	"Books and pamphlets by individual poets:
	anthologies edited by Negro authors and a
	few printed broadsides." Gives locations
	for items. Most items would require inter-
	library loan.

DRAMA: SOURCES FOR CRITICISM

REFERENCE BOOKS

In addition to standard sources such as the Gale Literary Criticism Series, you might find the following useful.

- | | |
|---------|---|
| Ref | <u>Black American Playwrights, 1800 to the</u> |
| Z | <u>Present: A Bibliography</u> |
| 1229 | |
| N39 | Lists "black playwrights and their works, |
| A7 | together with criticisms, reviews and |
| | awards." Includes a general bibliography |
| | with full citations, and an index of titles. |
| | Published in 1976. Updated by <u>More Black</u> |
| | <u>American Playwrights: A Bibliography</u> , which |
| | adds an additional three hundred authors. |
| | (Ref Z1229 N39 A73). Published in 1978. |
| | Both of these are good sources for reviews. |
| | |
| Ref | <u>Early Black American Playwrights and</u> |
| PS | <u>Dramatic Writers: A Biographical Directory</u> |
| 153 | <u>and Catalog of Plays, Films, and</u> |
| N5 | <u>Broadcasting Scripts</u> |
| P44 | |
| 1990 | Includes biographical material, an annotated |
| | list of major works, lists of "Other Pertinent |
| | Writings" and sources for further reference. |
| | |
| Ref | <u>Magill: Critical Survey of Drama.</u> |
| PN | <u>English Language Series</u> |
| 1721 | |
| C74 | Long biographical and analytical entries. |
| 1985 | Short bibliographies at the ends of articles. |
| 6 vols. | Author/title index is located in the back of |
| | Vol. 6. Analytical synopses of major plays. |
| | This is an excellent source for criticism. |

DRAMA: CHECKLISTS AND COLLECTIVE BIBLIOGRAPHIES

- | | |
|------|--|
| Ref | <u>American Drama Criticism. Interpretations, 1890</u> |
| Z | <u>-1977</u> |
| 1231 | |
| D7 | "Interpretations of American plays published in |
| P3 | books, periodicals, and monographs...alpha- |
| 1979 | betical by playwrights, with plays alphabetized |
| | under the playwright's name." |

Updated by a supplement (Ref Z1231 D7 P3 1984).

- Ref Drama Criticism
Z Vol. 1, 1966
1231
D7 Vol. 1: A checklist of interpretations since
C6 1940 of English and American Plays--from the
earliest known plays to those of the 20th
century. This source gives references to
criticism appearing in periodicals and books
published between 1940 and 1964.
- Ref Modern Drama: Scholarship and Criticism, 1966-
Z 1980, an International Bibliography
5781
C37 "[A] classified, selective list of publications
1986 [books and journals] on world drama since
Ibsen." Approaches drama as literature. Entries
are arranged by nationality and then alpha-
betically by playwright. Listings are
extensive but not subdivided by play titles.
See abbreviations (pp. 3-14) for full titles of
journals. This bibliography is a major
reference source for drama criticism; however,
some of the sources cited will require
interlibrary loan.
- Ref Research Guide to Bibliography and Criticism:
Z World Drama
5781
R47 Includes for each author: annotated biblio-
1986 graphies of sources for biographies, autobio-
graphies, critical sources, and a list of
additional sources, including relevant
dictionaries and encyclopedias. Indexed. An
excellent reference for in-depth research on a
playwright.

BOOK REVIEWS

For some authors, book reviews may be the only source of criticism you will be able to find. For other authors, book reviews are excellent supplements to the information located in books and reference works.

The two best sources for book reviews are:

INDEX	<u>Book Review Digest</u>
Z	
1219	" <u>Book Review Digest</u> provides excerpts and citations to reviews of current fiction and non-fiction written in English. Arranged by author and then by book title. Use the index for the year your book was first published and the following year's index.
C95	

Yearly since 1905.

INDEX	<u>Book Review Index</u>
Z	
1035	Indexes more sources than <u>Book Review Digest</u> , but does not provide excerpts. Begins with 1965. 1965 through 1968 are yearly volumes. 1969 through 1979 are cumulated and after that the index is again yearly. Entries are arranged by author and then by book title. Codes for sources are explained in the front of each volume.
A1	
B6	

See also the book review sections at the ends of:

Humanities Index (INDEX AI3 R492)

Library Literature (INDEX Z666 S211)

InfoTrac is also an excellent source for book reviews written within the past five to ten years. Be sure to consult both parts of the "Expanded Academic Index" and the "Newspaper Index."

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

- Ref** **Black Authors and Illustrators of Children's**
Z **Books: A Biographical Dictionary**
1037
R63 "[A]. . .reference volume in which the works
1988 of black authors and artists are recognized in
 relation to their particular contributions to
 children's literature." The 115 entries are
 to 20th century authors or illustrators.
 Arrangement is alphabetical. Contains a
 selected bibliography of primary sources.
 There are no references to criticism.
- Tower** **The Black Experience in Children's Books**
Z
1361 Geographical and thematic approach.
N39 Annotated. Published in 1971.
B2 Two volumes. Kept in the tower.
1971

PERIODICAL INDEXES

Most journals are indexed in one or more periodical indexes. Indexes range from the very broad in scope to those more specialized by discipline. Indexes are generally arranged alphabetically by subject; relevant citations follow each heading. The citation includes:

Author(s) of the journal article
Title of the journal article
a list of abbreviation is located
in the front of the index volume
Volume number, and if available, issue
number of the journal
Page(s) on which the article appears
Date of the journal

title of article

Naming and power in Zora Neale Hurston's *Their eyes were watching God*. S. King. bibl *Black Am Lit Forum* 24:683-96 Wint' 90

volume number	date pages	author of article	title of journal (abbreviated) abbreviation
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INDEX
Z
2001
M69

Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature (ABELL) V. 1- 1920-

This index is useful for in-depth research. It indexes journals, bulletins, newsletters, etc. Arranged chronologically. Look in the table of contents in order to locate sections on 19th and 20th century American authors. Once you are in the correct section, look for your author by his or her name.

INDEX
PE
1
A2

Abstracts of English Studies

v. 1-21 1958-78 (22 1978-79) 23- 1979-

This is a quarterly index to articles (with short abstracts) dealing with American and English literature.

You find the author's name in a cumulated "Index C" in the back of each volume. Periodical abbreviations are explained in "Index A".

Atkins Library subscribes to many of the journals indexed in this source.

INDEX
AI
3
E752

Essay and General Literature Index
1900-

This is an important bibliographical index to collections of essays in books. The emphasis is on the humanities and the social sciences. Material under a person (author, etc.) is arranged as follows: 1. Author's works; 2. Works about the author (biographical or overall discussions of his/her work); 3. Criticism. Semiannual with a permanent cumulation every five years.

Atkins Library purchases all of the books indexed, making this an especially useful source. Check ALADDIN call numbers.

INDEX
AI
3
R492

Humanities Index
1974-

Cumulative index to English-language periodicals. Author and subject entries are in one alphabet. It includes language and literature subjects as well as other humanities areas.

This is an excellent index for articles on African-American authors.

INDEX
AI
3
I57

Index to Black Periodicals
1984-

Index to Periodicals By and About Blacks
1973-1983

Index to Periodicals By and About Negroes
1960-70-72

Index to Selected Periodicals Received in the Mallie O. Brown Library
1950-59

"An index to Afro-American periodicals of general and scholarly interest. Author and subject entries are interfiled in a single alphabet. Uses Library of Congress subject headings.

Microfilm
AI
3
G84

Guide to Negro Periodical Literature

Precedes the above printed indexes. Use for in-depth research. Four volumes on one reel. Kept in the 2nd floor periodicals microfilm collection.

INDEX
Z
7006
M64

MLA-International Bibliography
1926-

The MLA is a major index to books and articles published on modern languages, literature, folklore, and linguistics. Since it is available in CD-ROM format starting with 1981, it is mainly useful for locating articles, books, and dissertations published prior to that time period.

From 1981 to the present, this index consists of two parts. Prior years were complete in one volume and are arranged in a similar fashion to Part 1 of the index as it is now formatted. Part 1 is arranged by country or type of literature and then by period and author. Volume I contains citations to British and American literature. Most references to African-American authors will be listed in the section "American Literature 1900-1999."

From Part 1, Volume I

- Novel: Their Eyes Were Watching God (1937)*
- [9266] Carr, Pat, Crouther, Lou Ann. Pulling in the Heavens: Death, sex, and babies in Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. *Mississippi Quarterly Journal of Florida Literature* 1992, 4, 51-57. (Treatment of babies.)
- [9267] Clark, W. Jay. Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. *Epiphany Love Mystery*. *MLA Backlist* 1992, 46, 1-11. (Treatment of Epiphany in New Testament Epiphany.)
- [9268] Dalgarno, Emily. "Work Is Walling, without Masters": Ethnography and the Creative Process in *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. *AL* 1992, Sept. 64(3): 519-31. [Role of ethnography in creative process.]
- [9269] Daniel, James. "The Understanding to Clasp Long Well": Realism and Romanticism in *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. *SEF* 1991, 1, 61-66. (Realism.)
- [9270] Hattenhauer, Darryl. Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. *Epiphany* 1992, 50(2): 11-17. (Treatment of under justice.)
- [9271] Holloway, Karl L. C. Holy Heat: Rituals of the Spirit in Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. *R&L* 1993, Autumn, 23(3): 127-41. (Treatment of spiritual growth.)

Look up the abbreviations for periodical titles in the front pages of Part 1.

Part 2 is arranged in alphabetical order by subject and serves as an index to Part 1. The Roman numeral refers to the volume of Part 1 and the rest of the number to the specific entry.

Part 2 indicates the CLASSIFIED section in PART 1 for a given author or entry and also lists entries that will not be found directly under the author's name. Full citations are in Part 1.

MLA on CD-ROM

The easiest way for you to search for recent journal articles on the works of an author or a literary topic will be to use the computerized version of the MLA International Bibliography. The volumes since 1981 to within a few months of the present are available in CD-ROM (compact disk, read only memory) format. This version of the MLA contains a year or so more information than the printed index. You may search by author, title of work, and by keyword. Two keywords, such as an author's last name and a theme or an identifying word from a title or theory, may be combined using "boolean" commands ("and," "or"). You will not need to search on the word "criticism" because just about everything in the index refers to criticism.

You may limit your search by language, by publication type, and by date of publication. There is a handout near the machines which explains how to use the various searching strategies. You are encouraged to make an appointment in advance to use MLA on CD-ROM. If you need assistance a librarian will help you.

Notes and WORD OF WARNING:

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